

Office of the Chief, Economic Research
Staff Meeting held 4 September 1958, 1100 hours, 1133 M Building

New Chief, St/PR

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██████████ welcomed ██████████ who has returned
██████████ and will take over as Chief, St/PR.

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Chief/E Trip to

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██████████ announced that he will leave on 17 October
to visit Agency installations in Europe and the Far East.

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He will attempt en route to visit some of the Soviet aid
projects in India and Burma and will welcome requirements
concerning such proposed visits. He will return about
16 December.

Activities of NATO Committee

Action by
Chief, D/S

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The NATO Committee on Soviet Economic Penetration
is preparing a questionnaire to be sent to all member
nations. ██████████ suggested that Chief, D/S contact
State to get a copy of this draft questionnaire; we
may be able to make useful suggestions concerning it.

Critical Security Violation

All Analysts

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██████████ reported that an analyst, in briefing
a State attache' going overseas, had revealed ██████████

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██████████ Analysts are reminded to be extremely
cautious in discussing matters of this kind.

Information concerning Overseas Chinese

Action by
Chief, D/S

Chief, D/S was requested to obtain information
concerning the number of Overseas Chinese going to
Communist China, the number returning from China,
and whether there are legal barriers to their return
to the countries from which they came.

Attribution of Authorship in ORR Reports

Action by
Division Chiefs

Division Chiefs were asked to survey the
analysts to determine their views concerning
the desirability of having analysts' names put
on certain kinds of self-initiated ORR reports.
The subject will be discussed further at the
staff meeting on 9 September.

Documentation of Reports

Action by
Division Chiefs

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██████████ threw out for discussion a
proposal that ORR's reports be published without

documentation, as are the intelligence reports of other IAC Agencies; full documentation, as at present would be included in the report when submitted to Chief/E and this documented copy would remain on file with St/C, but all sources would be removed by St/PB prior to publication. Another suggested alternative was (1) to attach an appendix to the report describing the nature of the source materials and citing major sources (2) to indicate in the text the nature of the sources used, and/or (3) to reduce sharply the number of individual source references, to include only those that really contribute to the report. Division Chiefs were asked to discuss this subject with Branch Chiefs, in preparation for further discussion at a staff meeting late next week.

Length of Reports

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Considerable discussion was given to the question of the desired length for ORR reports. Chief/E urged that reports be kept as short as possible, consistent with adequate analysis. The shorter reports are much more likely to be read. He emphasized that our primary mission is to produce "distilled" intelligence for the benefit of policy-makers and other consumers, and not to publish M.A. thesis-type reports full of minute detail that could interest only a handful of other technicians.

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Office of the Chief, Economic Research
Staff Meeting held 19 August 1958, 1100 hours, 1128 M Building

Recruiting Speech

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[REDACTED] stated that the Office of Security had approved the draft of a speech to be given by ERA recruiters to interested groups in various universities in connection with the 1958 Fall Recruiting trips.

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Analysts Names on Research Reports

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[REDACTED] stated that the Office of Security had approved a proposal to put the name of the author or authors on selected ORR reports.

Monthly Reports to AD/RR

Action by
Division and
Staff Chiefs

As the result of discussions with the AD/RR, the monthly report for the ERA will be prepared in a different form from that used in the past. Divisions and Staffs therefore were requested to include in their monthly reports: (1) a brief resume' of significant activities not otherwise reported to the AD/RR; (2) important developments in Division or Staff programs, including significant projects initiated or completed and progress on major projects already underway; (3) major problems that developed during the month and progress reports with respect to major problems previously reported.

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